

**Virginia Department of Health
Pandemic Influenza Monthly Activity Report
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WORLDWIDE UPDATE

- While the World Health Organization's (WHO) cumulative count of confirmed human cases of avian influenza A/H5N1 infections increased by only one in the last month, that one case is of concern because it is the first case confirmed from Bangladesh. The illness occurred in a young child who had exposure to live and slaughtered chickens in the home. The cumulative total is now 383 cases and 241 deaths, for a case-fatality ratio of 62.9 percent.

VDH ACTIVITIES – Central Office

- The PanFlu Advisory Group met and continued its focus on risk communications, focusing at this meeting on reaching diverse and special needs populations. The minutes and presentations from the meeting are posted at <http://www.vdh.virginia.gov/PandemicFlu/AdvisoryCommittee.htm>
- The Commonwealth PanFlu Planning Sub-committee is updating the Commonwealth PanFlu Plan and will submit it to the Cabinet-level Oversight Committee for its review. The plan is to be provided to a Federal Interagency Review Committee by July 9.
- Director, Emergency Operations, Planning and Logistics sat with a panel on Antiviral Distribution Processes with the U.S. Chamber of Commerce, the Association of State and Territorial Health Officers, several other states' representatives and major private sector partners. He also gave a presentation to the Chesterfield PanFlu Summit on Federal, State, Local, Private Sector Partner collaborative PanFlu
- The pandemic flu video has been updated. The Communications team has sent out over three thousand copies of the updated video to health districts, hospitals and other community partners.
- Work continues on re-designing the EP&R web site, including the pandemic flu web page. The Public Relations Coordinator in the Commissioners Office and the Public Relations coordinator for Family Health lead the project.
- The EP&R PANFLUO team coordinated speakers, developed power point presentations and activities to support the Community Based Emergency Response Seminars being held throughout the state. The seminars that are focusing on risk and crisis communications include presentations by each PANFLUO focusing on communicating during emergencies such, as a pandemic.
- Health Districts and EP&R Regions continue community outreach and coordinated PanFlu planning (refer to following VDH Pandemic Flu Activities Progress Report).

VDH ACTIVITIES – Regional Reports

- **Central Region**
 - Regional Public Information Officer collaborated with the Chesterfield Emergency Planner to produce and present public relations material for the Chesterfield Health District Pandemic Influenza Summit.
 - Regional EP&R Team has developed a Public Health Incident Command Tabletop Exercise for use by District Health Departments in better training their staff on the use of the Incident Command (ICS) System in an emergency. This training has been held at the Crater Health District in Petersburg,

- Planner and Central Regional Trainer continued to provide planning support for an upcoming Henrico County and Henrico County Health Department joint PanFlu Tabletop Exercise scheduled tentatively for the week of October 20-24.
- PIO continued to work with the Richmond Times-Dispatch, Health Directors and District Planners, in developing an electronic template for a newspaper supplement in the event of a Cities Readiness Initiative or other major emergency, such as PanFlu.
- **Northern Region**
 - Medical Consultant attended a Pharmacy/Supplier/Public Health Roundtable, the purpose of which was to identify processes that need to be in place to ensure residents are able to get their medications for chronic illnesses during a public health emergency, such as PanFlu. The group discussed collaboration, business continuity planning, communications and capacity building.
 - Medical Consultant attended the initial planning conference for the "Critical Infrastructure Interdependencies Seminar: Focus—Pandemic Preparedness," hosted by the National Capitol Region (NCR) Critical Infrastructure Protection Regional Programmatic Working Group. The overall goal of the seminar, tentatively scheduled for July in Washington, will be to enable public health, emergency management, security, risk management, public information and other key personnel to begin to highlight and prioritize critical infrastructure interdependencies-associated readiness gaps and begin to identify potential cost-effective prevention and mitigation measures to lessen the consequences of a pandemic.
- **Eastern Region**
 - Training Coordinator continues to assist the Chesapeake and Virginia Beach Health Districts in coordinating a PanFlu-related Business Continuity Planning Seminar to be held in June.
 - Trainer delivered presentation at the PanFlu Advisory Committee meeting in Richmond along with Portsmouth Planner and Virginian-Pilot representative on the printing partnership used for CRI (Cities Readiness Initiative) preparedness and how the processes can be applied to a pandemic of influenza.
- **Southwest Region**
 - Planner, along with Planners from Lenowisco, Cumberland Plateau and Mt. Rogers Health Districts, attended the Mountain Empire Public Health Emergency Coordination Committee in Abingdon meeting with representatives from Tennessee and Kentucky. Exercises involving PanFlu dominated the discussion, including additional work surrounding PanFlu, continuity of operations planning (COOP) and infrastructure maintenance. The next meeting is scheduled for August.
 - Planner, PIO, Epidemiologist, and Trainer attended the Catastrophic Events Workshop, sponsored by the Central Shenandoah and Lord Fairfax Health Districts and James Madison University (JMU) that was focused on a PanFlu event. The Planner and PIO attended the Near SW Preparedness Alliance meeting in Roanoke and spoke regarding the upcoming FluEx '08 exercise.
 - Planner and Planners from West Piedmont and Pittsylvania/Danville Health Districts attended and participated in the NASCAR TTX in Martinsville sponsored by Henry Co., NASCAR and Homeland Security. Although the event exercised this time was a conventional explosive, the Speedway exercised the TTX plan for alternate care center(s) that would be applicable to a PanFlu event
 - PIO attended the Mountain Empire Epidemiology Task Force meeting that worked on the communications campaign for the major PanFlu Exercise to be held in the Cumberland Plateau and Lenowisco Health Districts in the fall.

- PIO attended the planning meeting for the Remote Area Medical (RAM) Project to be held in Wise in July. Lessons learned from the RAM projects can be applied to Alternate Care Sites in the event of a pandemic flu outbreak.
- PIO continues to coordinate speakers and planning for the Community-Based Emergency Response Seminars (CBERS) to be held in Abingdon June 11 and in Roanoke June 12. The focus of these workshops is Emergency or Crisis Communications. This type of communications could be used in a PanFlu event.
- Epidemiologist met with the JMU's PanFlu Coordinator to discuss university plans for facilities and infrastructure needs in response to an avian influenza outbreak.

VDH ACTIVITIES – Health District Reports

- **Alexandria**
 - Signed contract for work on pandemic planning for the medically vulnerable. Work has commenced.
 - Met with new Chief Executive Officer of local hospital and discussed joint pandemic planning.
 - Met with Chairman of Department of Emergency Medicine and Director of Emergency Management at hospital to evaluate additional needs for medical surge preparedness.
 - Made some adjustments to pandemic plan based on drill After-Action Report. Refined first responder prophylaxis portion of plan.
- **Arlington**
 - Training was provided to judges, attorneys and key county staff involved with planning for Quarantine and Isolation. Speakers from VDH and the Office of the Attorney General provided background information for a follow-up discussion of Arlington procedures. Arlington has provided a follow-up report to all attendees outlining next steps. Arlington will work on additional procedures for delivering Orders of Quarantine and Isolation and seek additional clarification of some legal questions raised at the training.
 - The Virginia Hospital Center has indicated interest and support for a collaborative project to address mask fitting for community physicians. The automated fit testing system has been updated. Requested a demo as soon as it is available. We are approaching the Arlington County Medical Society for assistance in marketing this benefit to physicians.
 - Two Arlington congregations have agreed to participate in the Faith Community Project. Organizational meeting are planned for the first week in June. We will make recommendation for first steps at these meetings. MRC volunteers interested in this project have been invited to attend the meetings.
 - BizLaunch segment. Final edits are in process. After completion we will deliver the product to the Arlington Office of Economic Development for their website.
 - CD-ROM Project. A designer who will work on the technical and design aspects has been identified. The designer is currently reviewing our materials and will submit a bid within the next few weeks. We plan to put material in languages identified through this project on our PanFlu website.
 - We continue to assemble materials for the .notebook which will be delivered to Medical Offices. We are in the process of purchasing the notebooks and dividers.
 - A booth has been reserved for the County Fair in August. We are developing the booth design. While the overall focus will be prevention and personal preparedness, we plan to attract a wide variety of Fair goers by displaying the following:

- materials in languages other than English
 - prevention and self care messages
 - items targeting children
 - historical information and posters
 - information about potential roles for community volunteers.
- Arlington's Pandemic Flu Self Care brochure has been translated into Arabic, Amharic, Chinese, French and Vietnamese. The designer has submitted a bid for arranging the brochure translations into tear-off sheets.
- **Central Shenandoah**
 - Director, Planner, Epi Nurse, District staff, Lord Fairfax Health District's Planner, VDH Central Office and Training Division, James Madison University Personnel and numerous community partners attended/participated in the Homeland Security Exercise Evaluation Program (HSEEP) Catastrophic Event Resource Planning Workshop held at James Madison University, the basis of which was the potential for a PanFlu event. Over 100 people attended; an after-action report is being prepared.
 - Planner met with Western State Mental Hospital to discuss PUSH dispensing agreements and for assistance with providing an emergency preparedness in-service for their medical staff. Also continuing to work with other partners on the PUSH MOU. Have received two verbal approvals this month.
 - Planner traveled around Augusta County and the Cities of Staunton and Waynesboro with the Augusta Medical Center Emergency Planner and the Emergency Managers from the Cities of Waynesboro and Staunton to identify triage and surge facilities that would be used during a pandemic event.
 - Planner attended regional Volunteer Organizations Active in Disaster (VOAD) meeting in Staunton.
- **Central Virginia**
 - District continues to coordinate its efforts on pandemic response and preparedness with the community partners.
 - Immunization Nurse performed 36 face-to-face briefings on pandemic awareness/preparedness during travel immunization clinics.
 - Epidemiologist and Planner met with the CENTRA health management of Lynchburg General Hospital to discuss alternate care facilities during a pandemic; planned future meetings of the local jurisdictional executive management group.
- **Chesapeake**
 - The Chesapeake Public Middle Schools "Healthy Hands" Poster Contest was an overwhelming success. Finalists were selected by a panel of judges from the Health Department. The top three posters out of a total of 50 excellent entries were selected by PanFlu Assistant along with Chesapeake Public School's Health Services Supervisor on May 28th. Winners will be announced and prizes will be awarded in June. Each contest participant will receive a PanFlu gift pack containing hand sanitizer, travel size tissues, and hand washing/ flu prevention informational brochures.
 - The Planning Committee for the "Taking Care of Business" joint Chesapeake and Virginia Beach pandemic influenza oriented business continuity planning seminar met to continue preparing and for advertising upcoming seminar.
 - PanFlu Assistant delivered promotional flyers for the "Taking Care of Business" Continuity Planning Seminar to the Hampton Roads Small Business Development Center for distribution to local businesses.

- Director and Planner briefed two newly elected City Council members about the Pandemic Influence program, EP&R initiatives, and other District issues.
- Contact was made by the Planner with the Hampton Roads and Chesapeake Chambers of Commerce regarding the marketing of PanFlu preparedness tools for businesses.
- **Chesterfield**
 - District sponsored a PanFlu Summit. Approximately 180 people attended; it provided information and tools for use in preparing their families, businesses, and organizations for a pandemic.
 - PanFlu Coordinator presented information regarding emergency preparedness and PanFlu to seniors at the Lifelong Learning Center and at the Defense Supply Center Richmond Fire & Emergency Services Disaster Preparedness Day.
 - Epidemiologist and Nurse Senior for Preventive and Occupational Health conducted an in-service addressing PanFlu to three groups of employees with the Chesterfield Fire and EMS.
- **Chickahominy**
 - PanFlu information distributed to Community Enrichment Day held at the Charles City Middle School, Women's Health Day held at the Charles City Health Department, Charles City Regional Medical Center's Lay Health Educator Class, New Kent County's Kentwood Medical Center physicians, Hanover County Memorial Medical Center outpatient practice, Hanover County Virginia Women's Center, Surgical Specialists practice in Hanover County, and participants at Goochland County Spring Festival.
 - PanFlu preparedness presentations/training given to Hanover County Pediatric Associates of Richmond, 400 Seniors at Hanover County Senior Day at Kings Dominion, staff at Richmond Pediatrics practice, Gastrointestinal Specialists practice staff, staff at Virginia Cancer Center, staff at Endocrinology Associates practice, Mechanicsville AARP, Hanover County Pediatric Adult Ear Nose and Throat practice, Pulmonary Associates in Hanover County, Memorial Regional Medical Center Infusion Center staff.
 - PanFlu Coordinator met with Henrico County PanFlu Coordinator to plan PanFlu presentation to First Capitol Bank Corporate Leadership team in June.
 - PanFlu Coordinator attended Memorial Regional Medical Center's Disaster Team meeting; delivered T-shirts with PanFlu message to be used at the Memorial Regional Medical Center's upcoming Disaster Fair
 - PanFlu preparedness presentation given to Greater Nazarene Baptist Church's pastor and members, pastor of Springfield Mechanicsville Baptist Church and a representative of Chickahominy Baptist Association. PanFlu information to be distributed to members of all three organizations.
- **Crater**
 - PanFlu Health Educator continued the "Pandemic Influenza: Planning for the Possibility" campaign in the areas of long-term care and assisted living facilities. The focus was not only on proper hygiene practices; wellness in the work place and PanFlu, but also emergency preparedness in general. All facilities in the District were contacted by mail, encouraging them to schedule a presentation for their staff; several facilities have contacted us to schedule upcoming presentations. Preparedness Packets were sent out to various faith-based organizations in the District encouraging good hygiene practices among their staff and/or congregants and how to become prepared

- for a possible flu pandemic. They were also offered assistance in devising or updating their pandemic influenza and emergency preparedness plans.
- PanFlu Health Educator is continuing to promote PanFlu awareness, emergency preparedness and good hygiene practices, targeting faith-based organizations/churches. A couple of the focus areas are summer camps and Vacation Bible School sessions.
 - Second edition of “The Flu Flash” newsletter was blast faxed to all primary care physicians, nursing homes and hospital infection control practitioners in District, informing them of influenza updates and PanFlu tidbits.
 - PanFlu, emergency preparedness and Medical Reserve Corps (MRC) information was disseminated to senior citizens attending the Petersburg Triad Second Annual Resource Day sponsored by the City of Petersburg.
 - District MRC community volunteer program is moving towards holding its first orientation and training. A schedule for the next year has been compiled; a place has been secured; and, a food sponsor is almost locked in. Also, PanFlu Health Educator and Central Virginia MRC Coordinator worked diligently to create and produce generic PSAs for Virginia’s MRC units.
 - PanFlu Health Educator announced and disseminated information about Crater MRC to members of faith-based organizations at the Mayor of Petersburg’s meeting “Social Issues: Looking to Our Faith Community for Solutions” held at the Petersburg Department of Social Services. Petersburg’s Fire Chief added comments concerning the MRC.
- **Cumberland Plateau**
 - PanFlu Coordinator produced and mailed over 500 PanFlu Preparedness Planning Packets to area Churches as part of the Public Service Week activities.
 - PanFlu Coordinator and Planner presented PanFlu program to the Russell County Chamber of Commerce.
 - Planner briefed the Dickenson County Public Schools in an ongoing effort to assist in incorporating a PanFlu plan into their safety plan.
 - Planner met with Dickenson County Public Schools to plan a PanFlu scenario and exercise.
 - Planner and PanFlu Coordinator met with the Russell County LEPC to continue developing their PanFlu plan and a related exercise scenario.
 - Planner and PanFlu Coordinator are assisting Russell County Schools with planning their upcoming PanFlu and All-Hazards exercise.
 - District staff participated in Quarterly PanFlu and Preparedness training.
 - Director, Epidemiologist, Nurse Supervisors and Manager, Planner and PanFlu Coordinator participated in a teleconference planning meeting to plan for the 2008 Flu Clues Program for area Schools.
 - Director, Epidemiologist and Planner attended the Mountain Empire Public Health Emergency Coordination Council Meeting where regional, multi-state PanFlu planning was discussed.
 - PanFlu Coordinator presented PanFlu program to the Cumberland Mountain Community Services Board Link Committee.
 - PanFlu Coordinator and Regional Planner Participated in the CERP Regional Workshop PanFlu Planning Summit at JMU in Harrisonburg, VA
 - **Eastern Shore**
 - Planner, Health Educator, District and rural health staff and CERT and MRC members participated in a Neighborhood Emergency Health Center dispensing drill.

- Health Educator participated in two health fairs, reaching about 450 people, by providing information on hand washing and respiratory etiquette, avian flu, pandemic planning and disaster relief planning.
- Health Educator implemented plans for the District's first Power Training and Volunteer Appreciation Day. Event was held at the local community college, conducting five CERT/MRC/NIMS-based trainings, a volunteer recognition, Psychological First Aid, Critical Incident Stress Management, PanFlu, Cultural Competency and Disaster relief (IS-22) seminars. Concurrent sessions were repeated giving everyone a chance to participate in as many seminars as possible. Exhibitors/Vendors from the U.S. Coast Guard, ES Literacy Council, Safe Kids Coalition and Retired Senior Volunteers Program participated.
- **Fairfax**
 - The PanFlu team presented PanFlu education and preparedness information to the following:
 - Buddhist Temple "Tzu Chi" in Reston
 - Vietnamese Buddhist ceremony during the "Commemoration of Vietnam" in Falls Church
 - Vietnamese Health Fair Planning committee in Falls Church
 - Korean elderly at Kings Park Library, Springfield
 - Hope Chinese School in Annandale
 - Korean parents in Annandale
 - Chinese television media outlet interviewed Health Director on pandemic influenza in Fairfax
 - Herndon Annual Community Day in Herndon
 - Hispanic Parent Liaisons for Fairfax County Public Schools
 - Region 2 Cross Agency partners monthly meeting in Fairfax
 - Licensed child care providers and health providers in Fairfax County
 - Hispanic families enrolled in the WIC Program in Fairfax County
 - African-Muslim Parent Liaisons for Fairfax County Public Schools
 - Staff and residents at alternative house for homeless and abused children in Falls Church
 - Administrative Board members at Fulaa International Agency working with African Immigrants in Annandale.
 - Staff and residents at Eleanor Kennedy Shelter in Lorton.
 - PanFlu team members attended several Human Service partners meetings for networking and outreach opportunities within the ethnic communities and vulnerable populations in Fairfax County.
- **Hampton**
 - Planner continues monthly meetings with City of Hampton representatives to discuss Pandemic Flu preparation: Public Works, Police, Fire/EMS, City Attorney, Risk Management and Sheriff's Office.
 - Planner met with two Fast Forward adult classes discussing PanFlu preparedness.
 - Planner met with Sheriff's office and Health Director for City of Hampton Jails to assist with staff and inmate PanFlu education, and to plan for an immunization exercise for inmates and staff next fall.
 - Planner met with Hampton Public Safety Business Team to discuss city government readiness for PanFlu.
 - Epidemiologist spoke with several high school health classes on PanFlu preparedness.

- Epidemiologist met with nursing home to discuss PanFlu initiatives, planning and readiness.
- Planner met with Ft. Monroe Craven Medical Clinic to discuss PANFLU response
- Director continues to send a monthly “2007-2008 INFLUENZA SEASON UPDATE” via BLAST FAX to local health care providers.
- Planner met with Hampton City Schools (HCS) discussing and reviewing the HCS PanFlu plan that will be presented to the City School Board.
- Planner spoke with the Hampton Convention & Visitor Bureau concerning PANFLU as well as an All Hazards Readiness program covering major weather, disease outbreaks, and bio/chemical terrorism. The Convention and Visitors Bureau is now looking at producing a “Visitor guide to preparedness” DVD that will be played on the hotel TV services.
- Planner met individually with representatives from the following hotel chains to discuss PanFlu and all hazards preparedness and future exercise participation:
 - Holiday Inn *
 - Arrow Inn*
 - Hilton Garden Inn
 - Hampton Inn
 - Country Inn and Suites
 - Courtyard by Marriott.
- * Have indicated that they would like to take part in a dispensing exercise this summer for their staff, families and guests.
- Planner met with administrator from Hampton University to discuss PanFlu preparedness and university plan for a PanFlu outbreak.
- Health Director met with the Hampton “Town and Gown” committee to brief them on CRI antibiotic dispensing plans and exercises soliciting their help as sites for exercises and organizations who could take the responsibility for dispensing to their organizations in the event of an attack.
- Staff continues work for a local publication for PanFlu preparedness and response for a mail out campaign later this year. Plans and ideas are being collected for the graphic artist.
- Epidemiologist and planner working on a campaign at Hampton’s annual Child Fair to demonstrate the need for hand washing at all school levels using “Glow-Germ” and black lights.
- Planner working with Hampton City Schools to place alcohol based hand cleaner in common locations within the schools.
- **Henrico**
 - PanFlu/MRC Coordinator provided PanFlu information to senior residents, to Rotary Club members, and, along with Planner, to Henrico County’s and Wyeth Pharmaceutical employees and their family members at their health fairs.
 - Planner continued to plan a PanFlu Table-top Exercise, using HSEEP guidelines, with County Emergency Manager.
 - PanFlu/MRC Coordinator attended PanFlu Advisory Committee meeting.
 - Director, Epidemiologist and Planner hosted an Emergency Support Function (ESF) 8 Health and Medical Advisory Group Meeting, which included an Avian Flu update and planning issues related to PanFlu.
 - Epidemiologist sent weekly avian influenza updates via email to community partners.

- District sent monthly Public Health Bytes newsletter, which includes a Pandemic/Avian Flu update, to local healthcare facilities, medical providers, schools, first responders, county officials and other interested parties.
- **Lenowisco**
 - VDH “Stay at Home” toolkits for influenza and PanFlu preparation brochures were distributed to WIC/MICC and home health care patients, civic groups and parent groups.
 - Director, Epidemiologist and Planner participated in the Mountain Empire Public Health Emergency Coordination Council meeting.
 - VDH PanFlu video was broadcast during the Lenowisco Diabetes Summit held at Mountain Empire Community College. During this summit, PanFlu brochures were provided to attendees, and Planner made a brief presentation on emergency preparedness for individuals with chronic medical conditions.
 - District Staff training was conducted on personal emergency preparedness.
 - Epidemiologist and Planner participated in UNC webinar entitled “Preventing the Spread of Influenza in Public Schools.”
 - Epidemiologist, Business Manager, Health Educator and Nursing Staff met to discuss creative ways to provide community education for pandemic flu preparedness.
 - District staff from Lenowisco and Cumberland Plateau discussed vaccinating children in the seven counties and one city school system in the two districts with flu vaccine or mist during the upcoming school year. Epidemiologist is researching grant opportunities to fund this initiative.
- **Lord Fairfax**
 - Planner attended Statewide Hospital Emergency Management Forum in Williamsburg with hospital partners from the District to continue planning relationships and receive updated information with healthcare partners and to network and share information with other from around the Commonwealth.
 - Began drafting the Northwest Regional Hospital Coordination Center (RHCC) plan and Field Operations Guide for the NW Regional Hospital Emergency Management Committee. The plan will be vital to regional coordination of hospital operations, logistics and support in a large scale event, such as a pandemic.
 - With VDH Training Staff, counterparts from Central Shenandoah Health District and James Madison University conducted the Catastrophic Event Resource Planning Workshop at JMU in Harrisonburg.
 - Worked with a group of Service Learning Students from Frederick County Public Schools and Frederick County Emergency Management to conduct and present to the Board of Supervisors the results of an emergency preparedness survey for businesses in Frederick County. Part of the project was to provide businesses information on all-hazards planning to include preparedness for a flu pandemic.
 - Planner, District Nurse Manager and Administrator began the initial stages of the Mobilizing Action through Planning and Partnerships (MAPP) program through the National Association of City/County Health Officials (NACCHO). The goal of the project is to conduct an assessment of the entire health system in the District. This will allow the district to strengthen planning relationships with partner agencies which will carry over into planning for a response to large public health emergencies such as a flu pandemic through the assessment of the public health system within the district.
 - Planner and Epidemiologist manned a table at the annual Hearts and Hands Conference, which is a children’s injury prevention conference. They provided all-

hazards information, such as emergency preparedness checklists, PanFlu DVDs and Red Cross preparedness information on Family Disaster Planning and Helping Children Cope with Disasters, to attendees.

- **Loudoun**

- Displayed a PanFlu tabletop storyboard and PowerPoint presentation at the Senior Expo in Ashburn, provided over 150 seniors with handout information on PanFlu preparedness; and at the Round Hill Town Festival and Fire Department Open House where over 100 visitors were given information on PanFlu preparedness.
- Provided a PanFlu presentation to 30-members of the King of Kings Worship Center congregation in Purcellville.
- Included PanFlu basics to about 30 MRC members at their recent orientation.
- Upgraded the www.Loudoun.gov/flu web site content.
- Revising the PanFlu response plan and the PanFlu business preparedness document.
- Created script to create a PanFlu presentation video from the original slide presentation.
- Provided The Business Bank in Sterling with PanFlu preparedness and response pamphlets and information sheets, Z-cards, and hand sanitizer for 60 employees for their upcoming annual meeting in June.
- Provided PanFlu pamphlets and VDH child safety brochures to parents at the Catoctin Elementary School Fun Fair and the Loudoun Volunteer Rescue Squad Open House in Leesburg.
- Provided an initial stock of Loudoun PanFlu pamphlets to the emergency room (ER) staff at Inova Lansdowne Hospital for distribution to all ER patients. Inova will print future stocks of this pamphlet and place in the patient orientation folder distributed to all emergency room patients at the Lansdowne (Ashburn), Pediatric (Ashburn), and Cornwall (Leesburg) Emergency Rooms.
- Provided PanFlu pamphlets to parents at the “Take 25” child safety event in Leesburg; and to the Director of Community Centers for distribution to patrons of the 10 community centers in the county.

- **Mount Rogers**

- Health Educator and Planner distributed PanFlu information to Rural Retreat Elementary School faculty, parents and students during a Public Health and Safety event.
- Distributed PanFlu information to senior citizens during the Town of Marion Senior Citizen Celebration.
- Met with Wythe County LEPC to discuss revisions to their EOP, to include a PanFlu Annex.
- Provided PanFlu information and handouts to the Highlands Community Services Board. Working with HCSB to revise their EOP.
- Revising the District’s PanFlu brochure.
- Reviewing the new CD “Pandemic Flu – A Video Guide to Pandemic Preparedness and Response in Virginia”.

- **New River**

- District Planner continues to assist New River Valley Mental Health/CSB with program development/workshops for training clergy about pandemic and all hazards preparedness, response, and recovery. This training for clergy is called Disaster Spiritual Care and the next two workshops are scheduled for June 17 and 24. District Director, Infection Control Nurse, District Epidemiologist, District Planner continue

- taking every opportunity to communicate Pandemic Flu preparedness to public agencies, private business, civic groups, and faith organizations.
- District Epidemiologist and District Planner had a meeting with police chiefs from Blacksburg, Christiansburg, Radford, VA Tech, and the sheriff of Montgomery County to revisit pandemic flu preparedness planning, mass dispensing, ESF 8 and incident management. Meetings with other jurisdictional police chiefs and sheriffs are being scheduled.
 - District Planner assisted Chief of the Metropolitan Washington Airports Authority, with a pandemic flu workshop for the Virginia Police Chief's Association's Annual Conference at Radford University.
 - **Peninsula**
 - Planner provided PanFlu information and pamphlets to York County Citizen Corps.
 - Planner provided key Pieces of information from the Center for Infectious Diseases on influenza current issues.
 - Current plans include a decision making table top exercise for Newport News school system, City Attorney and jurisdictional leadership on June 13.
 - **Piedmont**
 - Health Educators presented preparedness information, including PanFlu information, at two local community spring festivals.
 - MRC volunteers are assisting with preparing materials for PanFlu Health Educator's planned presentations.
 - **Pittsylvania-Danville**
 - Presented a PanFlu program to Fairview Methodist Church. Distributed pamphlets and hand-sanitizer to the church members.
 - Donated several of the updated PanFlu DVD's to 2 area libraries for patron check-out.
 - Participated in a health fair at the Harmony House, which is a Psycho-Social Rehabilitation Day Treatment facility. Distributed PanFlu material and hand-sanitizer to approximately 75 clients.
 - **Portsmouth**
 - PanFlu Educator presented PanFlu education and the importance of preparation in the work place to two nursing homes reaching 40 people.
 - Packets of information on PanFlu, preparedness kit checklists and mini hand sanitizers were given out to every attendee.
 - Educator met with the PanFlu Assistant at the Chesapeake Health District to get more information about a hand washing poster contest that was successful for them, and District will be implementing poster contest in the up-coming school year.
 - PanFlu preparedness kit hunt was held during District In-Service training where kit items were hidden throughout the park; whoever found the most items "survived the pandemic" and received a prize.
 - **Prince William**
 - Continue to discuss legal issues for PanFlu planning with Prince William County's Office of Emergency Management.
 - Review and update the District PanFlu plan to include new OSHA Guidelines for PPE and COOP planning with localities.
 - Director and EP&R group members met with Prince William County High School's principal and administrator to plan a PanFlu exercise that will utilize student and staff for a mass vaccination clinic.

- Special Needs Outreach Worker continues to meet with Disabilities Outreach Work Group to finalize a special needs preparedness DVD to be aired on local channels.
- PanFlu toolkit link sent out to school and governments.
- Special Needs Outreach Worker has researched 2008 VDOE SOL revision for Health Education/PE for potential incorporation of PanFlu preparedness into curriculum for school aged students and their families.
- Special Needs Outreach Worker distributed emergency preparedness and PanFlu information and discussed importance of medical ID cards at Older American Picnic attended by more than 200. Presentations are being scheduled with area independent and assisted living groups.
- **Rappahannock**
 - Emergency Services Coordinator led a discussion on PanFlu resources for the Rappahannock Emergency Services Committee and taught a class for the local American Red Cross entailing PanFlu prevention and emergency services, along with material distribution.
 - Health Educator disseminated PanFlu and general hygiene prevention for cold and flu educational materials to four local daycares and to Spotsylvania Middle School.
 - Emergency Services Coordinator met with regional jail to plan PanFlu tabletop exercise and with the Hospital Disaster Committee to discuss outbreak management preparedness.
 - Immunization Coordinator presented on pandemic and seasonal influenzas and the importance of seasonal flu vaccinations to local daycare providers, disseminating informational materials.
 - District and Spotsylvania County have now completed the county's PanFlu plan.
- **Rappahannock-Rapidan**
 - District staff gave out PanFlu and Preparedness materials (English & Spanish) at two community presentations, four health fairs, and two street fairs during May. Over 1,800 citizens received educational materials through these events.
 - Epidemiologist held an Epidemiology class for MRC volunteers and focused on PanFlu in the class scenarios.
 - Planner attended the Catastrophic Event Workshop at JMU where the focus was on resource allocation in a pandemic.
 - District staff attended the CBERS – Communicating Effectively in an Emergency with community partners.
 - District offered a guest speaker/training attended by over 20 nursing professionals with an emphasis on respiratory protection planning, emergency preparedness, and PanFlu.
- **Richmond City**
 - PanFlu update presented to Richmond City Schools. Handouts and pamphlets were provided.
 - Richmond City Sheriff's Department continues to provide on-going pandemic influenza training utilizing PanFlu voice-over CD.
 - Plans underway for Richmond Police Department to include PanFlu trainings during Roll Call.
 - PanFlu training was provided to 270 Richmond Fire staff.
- **Roanoke/Alleghany County**
 - Planner and Epidemiologists planning a PanFlu Tabletop Exercise, tentatively scheduled for September 17) with District employees.
 - Planner met with local media concerning PanFlu advertising.

- **Southside**
 - Distributed PanFlu & Infection Control outreach material at the Community Memorial Healthcenter Family Wellness Day.
 - Met with Clarksville Methodist Church and presented updated PanFlu information for his “Shut-In” influenza program. Distributed the pilot program questionnaire.
 - PanFlu Educator met with the Director of the Boydton Community Clinic and conducted PanFlu and Infection Control Information.
 - Conducted PanFlu presentation for Open Hand Mission.
 - Conducted PanFlu and Infection Control presentation for nursing students at the Higher Education Learning Center in South Boston.
 - Met with the Bracey Ruritan Club and discussed possible ways they could be utilized to assist the community in the event of a pandemic.
 - Packaged and mailed or delivered 850 PanFlu and Infection Control handouts to 19 churches in the district for distribution to their congregation with their weekly bulletin. Total 132 churches and 9650 handouts distributed to churches to date.
 - Conducted PanFlu Presentations and Infection Control presentations to 11 classes, 250 students and staff at Buckhorn elementary School.
 - Presented updated PanFlu and Influenza information to MRC volunteers that assist during PanFlu presentations.
 - Scheduled to participate in the Chase City Community Park Family Day.
 - Conducted a PanFlu and Infection Control presentation for the Olive Branch Church Women’s Group, 21 in attendance.
- **Thomas Jefferson**
 - Manned PanFlu display at: Charlottesville’s Government Services Day, State Farm’s Employee Health/Wellness Fair and Albemarle’s Citizen Open House.
- **Three Rivers**
 - Planner met with Riverside Walter Reed Hospital’s Director of Quality Assurance to review PanFlu response and COOP.
 - Planner and Health Educator met with Rappahannock Area Health Education Center to discuss collaborative efforts with the health district to conduct PanFlu training and education to area businesses.
 - Public Health Nurse distributed PanFlu and hand washing literature at Kilmarnock Crab Festival.
 - Planner met with Richmond County Emergency Manager to discuss PanFlu planning and possible future training and exercises.
- **Virginia Beach**
 - District’s Emergency Response Team members conducted an improvement planning meeting and applied suggestions for future exercises following the review of the After-Action report for the PanFlu Internal tabletop exercise.
 - Distributed 500 Treating Seasonal or PanFlu at Home booklets to the city’s Department of Human Services for distribution to the public.
 - Contacted city’s school administration to begin developing poster contest geared toward school students that will serve as a public awareness campaign for the upcoming school year/flu season.
- **West Piedmont**
 - Planner circulated a PanFlu Newsletter that will be sent monthly to all PanFlu Planning Group members and District staff.
 - Planner attended the Patrick County PanFlu Committee meeting at which a representative from RJR Patrick County Hospital covered issues of patient care in

- relation to federal laws governing nursing staff. RJR can only house 25 long-term care patients unless the government waives the guidelines during a disaster like a pandemic. This also applies to any shelter that might open; hospital staff can only cover the 25 in their facility.
- Planner attended the Henry-Martinsville PanFlu Planning Group meeting where discussions centered on hospital staffing issues, federal guidelines governing nurse-to-patient ratios and complacency in the community regarding a possible pandemic. Committee members want to work on creating a news article to help educate the public.
 - **Western Tidewater**
 - Planner gave two PanFlu presentations during the Healthcare Organization Emergency Preparedness Seminar (HOEPS), attended by staff from assisted living centers, dialysis centers and home health care organizations.
 - Western Tidewater/North Carolina MRC Coordinator acted as an evaluator for neighboring jurisdiction's PanFlu Table Top Exercise entitled "40% Down Day."
 - Franklin/Southampton PanFlu committee continued outreach efforts and presentations to community and business groups. The committee's school packet will be distributed to schools during the beginning of the school year.
 - To test the school districts' PanFlu plans, Epidemiologist proposed a Table-Top Exercise possibility at April school board meeting and received a positive response, though a date has not yet been set.
 - Suffolk Bio-terrorism Advisory Committee (BTAC) continues efforts on hazard planning and establishing PanFlu and other preparedness plans for city agencies.